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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FOR DR. FERNANDO
ROMERO

1. THE INSTITUTE OF MARITIME HISTORY STUDIES OF PERU
WILL SEND A REPRESENTATIVE, CAPTAIN FERNANDO ROMERO, TO
WASHINGTON APPROXIMATELY MID-JANUARY TO UNDERTAKE RESEARCH
IN CONNECTION WITH INSTITUTE'S WRITING OF DEFINITIVE MARITIME
HISTORY OF PERU. CAPTAIN ROMERO, WHO HAS DOCTORATE, IS
IN CHARGE OF RESEARCH TO COVER PERIOD 1850-1868.
DR. ROMERO WISHES UNDERTAKE RESEARCH IN NATIONAL ARCHIVES,
NAVY HISTORICAL CENTER, AND LIBRARY OF CONGRESS.

2. INSTITUTE WAS CREATED BY GOP TO WRITE PERUVIAN MARITIME
HISTORY. TO DATE 10 SCHOLARLY VOLUMES HAVE BEEN
COMPLETED. A SET HAS BEEN SENT TO USIA DESK OFFICER
ESTES FOR PRESENTATION TO NAVY HISTORICAL CENTER.
PERSONNEL IN INSTITUTE INCLUDE A NUMBER OF ADMIRALS.
INSTITUTE ALSO HAS SUPPORT OF MINISTRY OF NAVY.

3. DR. ROMERO IS RETIRED FROM NAVY BUT HAS REMAINED
ACTIVE IN DIPLOMATIC AND TEACHING ACTIVITIES. IS
ALSO MEMBER OF LIMA BNC BOARD OF DIRECTORS, GOOD
FRIEND OF U.S., AND WELL REGARDED BY PERUVIANS.
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INSTITUTE HAS ASKED US TO PROVIDE AS MUCH ASSISTANCE

AS POSSIBLE TO DR. ROMERO DURING VISIT TO U.S. FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES. ALTHOUGH ROMERO EXPERIENCED, BOTH HE AND OTHER INSTITUTE OFFICIALS REALIZE LIBRARY AND RESEARCH TECHNIQUES IN U.S. DIFFER FROM THOSE IN PERU. THEREFORE THEY WILL APPRECIATE WHATEVER ORIENTATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CAN BE PROVIDED ROMERO, WHO PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN HAVING FOLLOWING INFORMED OF HIS UPCOMING VISIT: MR. RONALD ZWERCZEK, ARCHIVIST IN THE DIPLOMATIC BRANK OF NATIONAL ARCHIEVES; DR. WILLIAM J. MORGAN, CHIEF OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH CENTER OF NAVY HISTORICAL CENTER; AND DR. MARY KAHLER, DIRECTOR OF LATIN AMERICA/PORTUGUESE AND SPANISH DIVISION OF LIBRARY OF CONGRESS. ANY ATTENTION THAT ABOVE NAMED CAN PROVIDE EITHER PERSONALLY OR THROUGH THEIR STAFFS WILL BE APPRECIATED BY BOTH INSTITUTE AND POST.

4. INSTITUTE ALSO ANTICIPATES NEED FOR SOME LIBRARY AND RESEARCH MATERIALS BEYOND OWN CAPACITY TO FINANCE. FOR EXAMPLE XEROX AND MICROFILM SERVICES WOULD LIKELY EXCEED THEIR BUDGET. DIFFICULT TO ASSESS EXACTLY WHAT SUCH COSTS MAY AMOUNT TO, BUT WE REQUEST CU/IVP/V INQUIRE OF NATIONAL ARCHIVES, NAVY HISTORICAL CENTER, AND LIBRARY OF CONGRESS TO VERIFY WHETHER PROGRAMS EXIST TO PROVIDE XEROX AND PHOTO COPIES FOR A PROJECT OF THIS TYPE - IN EFFECT, TO LEND MATERIAL ASSISTANCE FREE OF CHARGE SO THAT INSTITUTE CAN ACQUIRE SUCH ITEMS AS XEROX AND PHOTO COPIES OF PERTINENT MATERIALS. EXTENT OF ASSISTANCE NEEDED PROBABLY CANNOT BE DETERMINED UNTIL ROMERO COMES TO WASHINGTON. MEANWHILE, HOWEVER, WE WOULD APPRECIATE SOME INDICATION AS TO WHETHER SOME MATERIAL ASSISTANCE MAY BE POSSIBLE.

5. IN SUPPORT OF OUR REQUEST FOR FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE, WE WISH TO EMPHASIZE THAT THIS PROJECT IS IMPORTANT NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF ITS CULTURAL PROGRAMMING IMPLICATIONS BUT ALSO BECAUSE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES IT CAN PROVIDE US TO STRENGTHEN THE TRADITIONALLY STRONG TIES BETWEEN THE U.S. AND PERUVIAN NAVIES.

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6. ACTION REQUESTED: ADVISE POST ASAP (1) THAT THREE U.S. GROUPS HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED OF ROMERO'S UPCOMING VISIT AND (2) THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF ASSISTANCE HE CAN EXPECT.
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